

COUNCIL ADOPTS SIGN ORDINANCE AND OTHER BILLS

Many Matters Left Over From Last Week's Session Are Attended to by Commission.

OWNERS KICK ON TAXES

People in Lower End of Town Claim City Should Install Water Mains Without Assessing Them.

A sign ordinance passed without a dissenting vote at the weekly meeting of the city council yesterday afternoon and although there was a little talk of changing some of the clauses, it was left in the same shape as when taken up for consideration a week ago.

The provisions of the measure regulate the hanging of signs in the city and when in full force will cause the buildings in Rock Island to be devoid of the dangerous and unsightly display boards.

Residents of the lower end of the city in the territory which is embraced in the ordinance for the installation of water mains, desire that the city bear the burden of the expense, claiming that the water will be of no benefit to them but that the city will receive the good as it will place the water at the disposal of factories locating in Manufacturers' addition.

Complaint Registered.

Attorney J. W. Maucker, representing Harry Schreiner, J. D. Beecher and M. I. Morris, appeared before the council and registered a complaint. Attorney Maucker stated that the people in that section would not need the water and that it was unjust that the city ask them to install the mains in front of their homes so that Rock Island would be benefited by having the water in manufacturers' addition in order to give better inducements to industries which consider locating here. He asked that the matter of installing the mains not be considered at the meeting but laid over for a week so that the owners of property in that section can be heard on the matter.

Mr. Beecher stated that the property assessed for water mains was bordering a slough. He asserted: "Instead of needing water brought to us, we need it drained away." Mr. Morris expressed himself as feeling the same way about the matter as Mr. Maucker, and on motion of Commissioner Rudgren the matter was laid over until next week in order to give the property owners a chance to be heard.

Gerhart Ashorn, who resides on Forty-first street, appeared before the council asking for an alley between Fourteenth and Fifteenth avenues and between Forty-first and Forty-second streets. He stated that all but three property owners were agreeable to the project and were willing to give over the property to the city. He said, however, that there was only one matter undecided and that was the width of the alley and the amount of property each owner was to give over to such purpose. He stated that the majority seemed to favor the 10-foot alley, but that the Veile estate, which owned several lots on Forty-second street wanted a 15-foot alley. The matter was referred to City Engineer Treichler and Commissioner Robert Reynolds.

To Sell Tank Bonds.

Among other matters left over from last week was that of the sale of elevated tank bonds. City Clerk Martin Rudgren was authorized to advertise and sell \$18,000 worth of elevated tank bonds at par, plus accrued interest. They will be sold over the counter at the city clerk's office.

The weekly pay roll of \$817.50 was ordered paid, and checks for \$328.86 for Gus Fisher, for the installation of sidewalks at No. 4 fire station and for \$13 for chauffeur's and auto licenses for the fire department were ordered drawn.

The Coal Valley Mining company was awarded the contract for furnishing coal for the pumping station. The bid, as accepted, provides for two inch screenings at \$1.45 per ton.

CONSUL SILLIMAN, RETURNING TO U. S., WILL TELL OF CONDITIONS IN MEXICO



W. W. Canada (left), U. S. consul at Vera Cruz, meeting Mr. Silliman on latter's arrival there.

John R. Silliman, American vice consul at Saltillo, Mexico, is on his way to Washington, where he will tell the president of conditions in the interior of Mexico. At one time official Washington was gravely concerned over the fate of Mr. Silliman, it being feared that he had been killed. The Mexican federalists kept him in prison two weeks, because, as they said, they feared he would otherwise have been mobbed.

Charles H. Brady was awarded old junk at the pumping station and the old grader, his bid for same having been \$500.

Commissioner Hart stated that he had received several complaints relative to the unsanitary and dirty condition of the Rock Island Southern depot at the foot of Fourth avenue, alleging that no attempt had been made to dispose of the sewerage according to law. The matter was referred to Commissioner Reynolds for further investigation.

Resolutions presented by Mayor Schriver, provide for the grading of certain portions of Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth streets and for sidewalks to be installed at various places in the city.

Appoint Care Taker.

David Carr, who was care taker at the Athletic park during the days of Three-Eye league ball here, was appointed to the same job by the council on motion of Mayor Schriver. Recently parts of the plant have been destroyed and it was deemed advisable to give over the task of watching the place to some person who would prevent further destruction. His salary will be \$20 a month.

The council on motion of Mayor Schriver unanimously rejected the petitions of Henry Van Dale for license to conduct a saloon at the place formerly known as "Billy Rice's" and Robert Welch for the bar known as the Buffalo.

Will Sell Accounts.

Notice has been given by the Central Trust & Savings bank, trustee for the Illinois Contracting Electrical Co., bankrupt, that it will at 10:30 a. m., June 12, at the bank in this city offer for sale the books and accounts of the company. The sale is authorized by E. U. Henry, referee in bankruptcy.

Comrades, Attention!

A special meeting of Siboney Bay camp No. 8, U. S. W. A., is called for Thursday, June 11, 8 p. m. at Memorial hall. Important business. All members are requested to be present.

By order, WM. A. REID, Commander.

L. M. TITTERINGTON, Adjutant.

INCREASED WAGES BASIS OF A WARM COUNCIL SESSION

Controversy Starts When Mayor Asks That Salary of City Engineer Be Raised.

AMENDMENT IS TENDERED

Commissioner Reynolds Sets Off Bomb When He Offers Substitution for More Money to Men.

After paying a glowing tribute to the efficient and faithful work of City Engineer Wallace Treichler, Mayor H. M. Schriver, at the regular session of the council yesterday afternoon, assailed Commissioner Robert R. Reynolds because the latter had offered amendments to the resolution presented by the mayor, in which the salaries of City Engineer Treichler were to be increased from \$100 to \$125 and of Miss Velma Hickman, stenographer to the mayor, from \$50 to \$60.

Earlier in the session, on motion of Commissioner Martin Rudgren, the salary of Miss Ina Stone, second assistant city clerk, was increased from \$50 to \$60. At that time Commissioner Reynolds voted against the increase, later explaining his vote by saying that he intended to vote down all increases.

Offers Amendment.

After Mayor Schriver offered his resolution providing for increasing the salaries of the city engineer and his stenographer, Commissioner Reynolds offered an amendment which provided for the increase of men who work under the head of the street department from \$2.10 per day to \$2.50. Commissioner Reynolds at first read the amendment as a 10 per cent raise, which would have made the wage \$2.31, but he later changed it to read \$2.50.

Before the amendment was put to vote, Commissioner Hart asked for time and was preparing a substitute which also provided for several increases in his department. Commissioner Jonas Bear also prepared a resolution for increases, but before these were presented Mayor Schriver said:

"I am sorry to see the council take this stand in the matter. It has been the first increase I have asked in my department. As a city engineer we have a faithful and efficient worker in Mr. Treichler. He is an able man and is furnishing the goods."

"There isn't a city in the state that has a man more able or more willing." Mayor George A. Davis of Jacksonville, Ill., was present and Mayor Schriver asked him what was paid the city engineer in his town. Mr. Davis replied that that official received \$900 in salary and \$1,600 for aid, which included a stenographer and an assistant engineer, explaining also that Jacksonville was a smaller city than Rock Island.

"The mayor continued: 'The city engineer of Moline gets \$1,500 and one in Davenport a bigger sum. I can see the intent of your amendment. It is only to cause this resolution to lose out. Why haven't you got the courage to stand up and vote this down and why don't you offer your increase on separate resolutions without tacking it on this one?'"

Reynolds Answers Mayor.

Commissioner Reynolds was on his feet in an instant. "Mr. Mayor," he said, "this is the second time you have brought up the subject of courage. Once before at an informal session you asked me why I didn't have the courage. I've got the courage to vote 'no' on any resolution and I've got the courage to present any resolution that I see fit. My department has never had a raise in salaries. I voted no when the question of increasing Miss Stone's salary came up, because I intended to vote 'no' on all increases all the way down the line."

"I voted for the increase of Mr. Stapp's salary last week from \$100 to \$125, because when we instituted that office and turned it over to him we

TO HELP CHINESE RECLAIM LANDS



Arthur P. Davis.

Washington, D. C., June 9.—Arthur Powell Davis, chief engineer of the United States reclamation service, is to leave within a few days for China. He is one of an engineering commission selected by the Red Cross society to study the problem of reclaiming large tracts of agricultural land in the Celestial republic which have been inundated periodically for thousands of years, causing destruction of crops and resulting in famines and loss of life.

Mr. Davis has been chief engineer of the reclamation service since the organization of the service, twelve years ago. Previous to that time he occupied important positions in the geological survey, and was twice selected as chief hydrographer of the commission sent to Central America to select the route for the isthmian canal, both commissions being under the leadership of the late Admiral Walker, the first in 1897 and the second in 1899.

Mr. Davis also was a member of the board of consulting engineers that visited and examined the Panama canal, in company with former President Taft, to decide upon the feasibility of the Gatun dam, and the type of canal, in January, 1909, shortly before Mr. Taft's inauguration.

Since that he has been selected for several important engineering missions in various quarters of the globe. In 1911 he investigated irrigation problems in Turkestan, in the Russian empire; he was engaged in a similar capacity in Porto Rico in 1909, and he visited Alaska in 1913 as consulting engineer regarding a high masonry dam.

The present expedition to China is under the auspices of the Red Cross society, and the commission consists of three members, Colonel Sibert of the United States army, chairman; Mr. Davis and Prof. D. W. Meade.

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Not in Favor of Ordinance Providing for Increased Taxes.

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The mayor urged that a special road and bridge tax be assessed and offered this as an amendment to the original ordinance, thereby giving the city an additional revenue of \$23,443.

STATE OFFICIALS LEAVE THE CITY

Police to Co-operate and Enforce Auto Laws During Their Absence.

William R. Dillon, chief chauffeur examiner for the state of Illinois, and his assistant, Frank Stanton, left this city today for Galva. From there they will go to Kewanee and then to Mendota.

Mr. Dillon stated that he was through here, and that Rock Island was practically cleaned up, as far as delinquent licenses are concerned.

Mr. Dillon wants it understood that he is not antagonistic toward the automobile and motorcycle owners, but that the laws must be enforced. The state officials made many friends during their stay in the city. They will return here in a week or two to see that their orders have been carried out. All of the city's cars have been licensed, and the drivers of the fire truck and patrol have secured chauffeur licenses.

From now on the city police will co-operate with the state officials in enforcing the automobile laws, and those who have not yet secured their licenses will be picked up and prosecuted.

MORE CHANGES ON ROCK ISLAND LINES

Announcement is made of another change in the official family of the Rock Island lines. J. L. Hayes of Fairbury, Neb., has been appointed engineer of the Illinois division to succeed W. L. Hope, who will leave the Rock Island lines. He had been with the Pennsylvania road. For several years he was trainmaster of the Nebraska division.

Mr. Hayes comes to Rock Island from the Nebraska division, where he was roadmaster and civil engineer. He assumed his new duties yesterday. Mr. Hope would not announce his plans for the future.

Angora goats have been used with profit to keep fire lines clear of inflammable vegetation on national forests in California.

Watch Tower Park

Prof.
Otto's
Concert
Band

Every Tuesday and Friday
Afternoon and Evening

THIS EVENING'S PROGRAM

1. March—Happyland Thome
2. Paraphrase—The Palms Hildreth
3. Selection from Bright Eyes Hoschna
4. Waltz—Rose Queen Braham
5. Overture—Fra Diavolo Anber

PART II.

6. Selection from Romeo and Juliet Gound
7. Tango Argentina La Conchita Davis
8. Polish Dance No. 1 Scharwentka
9. Angels' Serenade Braga
10. Hungarian Fantasia Tobani

Promenade Dance

Every Tuesday and Friday Eve
CRITERION ORCHESTRA

MAYOR'S ORDER ON FINANCES IS FINALLY PASSED

Disposes of Budget Which Has Been on Council's Hands for Several Weeks.

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Appropriation Ordinance.

The aggregate sum of \$147,559.47 provided for by the general tax levy, is appropriated as follows:

Library tax	\$ 7,370.33
Park tax	19,925.84
Tuberculosis sanitarium	6,641.95
Street and bridge	23,443.00
Police department	28,500.00
Health department	15,000.00
Auditing	200.00
Fire department	30,000.00
Interest account	2,000.00
Fire station bonds	3,200.00
Milan bridge repair bonds	1,375.00
Police Automatic alarm system bonds	1,750.00
Park bonds	3,550.00
J. B. Schoessel case reward	500.00
City hall account	1,503.35
Local improvement account	2,900.00
Total	\$147,559.47

Anticipated Revenue.

The anticipated revenues of the city for the fiscal year 1914, aside from the general tax levy, will be \$168,471.40, to be distributed in the several funds as follows:

Light account	\$ 31,000.00
Salary account	18,500.00
Automobile account	600.00
Contingent account	18,000.00
Sixth ward sewer account	1,605.50
East End park account	2,100.00
Sewer account	2,000.00
Engineering account	2,000.00
Grading account	1,000.00
Local improvements	1,000.00
Building and electrical inspector	2,666.00
Seventh ward sewer system west of 38th st.	4,100.02
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east of 38th st.	\$32.34
20th st. 4th to 7th aves., paving	140.00
Postoffice paving	152.60
City hall paving	107.95
38th st. 7th to 18th aves., paving	1,500.84
Island City ball park, paving	1,041.90
Bridge account	1,000.00
12th and 13th aves., and 7th street sewer	2,000.00
Forty-fifth st. storm drain	1,400.00
Election account	5,000.00
Printing account	1,800.00
Automobile fire truck	2,500.00
Office account	700.00
Water works expense	20,000.00
Reservoir expense	18,000.00
Water works construction	1,394.12
Island City ball park water main	268.35
Sixth ward water main	656.20
43rd st. 15th to 18th aves., and 43rd st. to 42nd st., 15th to 18th aves., water mains	195.13
43rd to 46th sts., 14th to 18th aves., water main	333.20
30th to 35th sts., 14th to 18th aves., water main	193.20
Second ward water main	2,138.00
37th to 41st sts. and 14th to 18th aves., water main	196.42
42nd st., 2nd to 5th aves., water main	56.33
Third addition to Brooks Grove, water main	164.24
11th st., 2nd to 11th aves., and 9th ave., 11th to 20th sts., water main	17,447.60
Grates	2,068.00
Water certificates and interest	3,300.00
Interest on water works bonds	1,250.00
Water works extension and betterment bonds	3,275.00
Elevated tank bonds	3,650.00
Total	\$168,471.40

Insects and tree diseases yearly damage United States \$50,000,000 worth.

All the news all the time—The Argus.

Commencement and Wedding Gifts

are shown in great variety at our store, we have the largest line of sterling silverware in this vicinity. We have just received four new designs in table flatware. Our line of jewelry, diamonds, and watches are the best to be had; we specialize on fine first water diamonds and show them from 1/4 karat to 3 karats.

Ladies' bracelet watches are the proper thing for this spring and we are showing a large line, ranging in price from \$12.00 to \$75.00.

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Saturday, June 20.
YOU MUST HEAR THIS

COMPLIMENT THE COUNCIL ON CITY

Mayor George A. Davis of Jacksonville Tells Commissioners New Form Is O.K.

"You have a dandy big city here," said George A. Davis, mayor of Jacksonville, to the mayor and city commissioners at the conclusion of the council meeting yesterday afternoon.

Mayor Davis is attending the convention of the Fraternal Order of Eagles at Moline and with several friends, including Police Magistrate Frank Gustafson of Moline called at the council chamber during the session. Mayor Schriver asked him to give a talk, and during his address he complimented this city on its enterprise.

He said: "My wife and I came over here from Moline this morning and we both agreed that Rock Island was a fine city."

Jacksonville is also under the commission form of government and Mayor Davis in speaking of it said: "When the commission form of government first was talked of in our town, backers of the new method stated that the commission form of government was a panacea for all municipal ills. While I cannot say that this is true in every sense, yet I believe it is the best." He concluded his talk with many little witticisms at his own expense. Mayor Davis was formerly a newspaper man, having been city editor of the Jacksonville Courier until 12 years ago when he entered politics, having been elected city clerk. Four years ago he was made mayor, being the first to serve in that capacity under the new form of government.

REALTY CHANGES

Alice C. Walker to Gustaf G. Forester, lot 11 in Alice Child Walker's re-plant of block 1 and part block 2, Orlando Child addition, Moline, \$2,800.

George and James Palmer to Nora L. Daack, tract in section 35, 17, 2w, \$1. Belle Jones and husband to Charles J. Carlson, tract in southeast quarter, northwest quarter, section 2, 17, 2w, Rock Island, \$2,250.

Luke Fredericks, et al. to Michael Murphy, tract in southeast quarter, southeast quarter, 33, 18, 1e, \$1.

Julius Ziegler, et al. to Otto Ziegler, undivided one-seventh interest in northeast quarter section 17, 16, 4w, \$1,485.71.

Emil Ziegler, et al. to Otto Ziegler, undivided one-seventh interest in northwest quarter section 17, 16, 4w, \$1,485.71.

Caroline Gehrt and husband to Otto Ziegler, undivided one-seventh interest in northeast quarter section 17, 16, 4w, \$1,485.71.

Clara C. Neff to Edith Johnson, lot 83, Emma D. Veile's addition, Moline, \$1.

Moline Trust & Savings bank to Hannah H. Bergstrom, \$1. Ernest A. Bergstrom, et al. to William Holmquist, part lot 2, block 2, Levi McCain addition, Moline, \$2,300.

June Bug Season Ends.

May bugs, or June bugs as some call them, are rapidly diminishing in number about here and within a week or two they will have ceased to bother for this year at least. Their season this year was the longest for many past.



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